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SAN FRANCISCO, Aug 11, Reuter - Central Intelligence Director Stansfield Turner said here today he did not see any indication the 52 U.S. hostages in Iran would be released in the near future.

Secretary of State Edmund Muskie said in an intervien published in U.S. News and World Report magazine yesterday events in Iran might warrant new initiatives by the United States to seek the hostages' release.

But Admiral Turner said in a luncheon address to the San Francisco Press Club: "The hostages are a pawn between the various power groups in Iran, each of them trying to use the hostage issue to further its own power position.

"I don't, in the near future, foresee enough power coming to any one group to resolve the situation."

A State Department spokesman said in Washington today U.S. authorities were continuing to seek the release of the hostages through known channels. "I cannot offer you today any new approach to the problem," he added.

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